

Let's Study Our Bible

Lesson 1: Our Spiritual Life

Consider the following questions:

1. Did you ever make a commitment to Christ and if so, how old were you? _____
2. What confession did you make at the time of your commitment? _____
3. Have you been baptized? How were you baptized? _____
4. How long after your commitment were you baptized? _____
5. For what purpose were you baptized? _____
6. Were you saved before or after your baptism? _____

Two sources of authority in religion

1. Mt 21:23-27

Yes – No Is there a need for authority in religion?

Yes – No Would you agree that there are two sources of authority in religion?

Yes – No Does the bible teach that we must choose between either man or God as our authority?

The standard of authority in Christianity

2. Deuteronomy 10:12

Yes – No Does God require us to respect, love, obey Him and follow His commands?

Yes – No Does this mean that we are to submit to his authority?

3. Hebrews 1:1-2

Yes – No Does God speak to us today through Christ?

4. Colossians 2:9-10

Yes – No Did God delegate His authority to His son in the New Testament?

5. Matthew 28: 18-20

Yes – No Did Jesus receive all power in heaven and earth?

Yes – No Since all authority has been given to Jesus, do we look toward another for authority?

6. John 12:48

Yes – No Will the words of Jesus judge us in the last day?

7. 1 Corinthians 14:37; Galatians 1:11-12

Yes – No Is Christ's authority revealed to us in the New Testament by His apostles who spoke and acted on His behalf?

8. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Yes – No Since the scriptures make known the will of God to thoroughly equip (furnish) us for every good work, do we need other revelation to make us complete spiritually?

God's Restrictions Placed Upon Man

9. Deuteronomy 4:2

Yes – No Could Moses add to the commandments of God?

10. 2 John 9

Yes – No Can we go beyond the doctrine of Christ?

11. Revelation 22: 18-19

Yes – No Can we add to or take away from this book?

Examples of God's Restrictions on Man and Consequences for Not Obeying:

12. *Adam & Eve*: Genesis 2:15-17; Genesis 3:9-12, 22-24

Yes – No Does God want us to obey his commands?

Yes – No After Adam and Eve ate of the fruit, were there consequences? Explain.

13. *Nadab and Abihu*: Leviticus 10:1-2

Yes – No Did Nadab and Abihu have authority from God to offer this strange fire? What were their consequences for not obeying God?

14. *Moses*: Numbers 20:5-12

Yes – No Did Moses obey God when he struck the rock?

Yes – No Did Moses enter the land of promise?

15. *Uzzah*: 2 Samuel 6:1-8

Yes – No Was Uzzah allowed to touch the ark?

Yes – No Does God want man to obey His commandments?

Standards of Authority Used By Men

Conscience

16. Genesis 37:31-34; Genesis 45:26

Yes – No When Jacob heard a lie (was deceived) did he believe it?

Yes – No When Jacob heard the truth, did he refuse to believe it?

17. Acts 26:4-6, 9-11

Yes – No When Paul allowed himself to be guided by his conscience, did he do many things which were religiously wrong?

Yes – No Can one be taught wrong and yet consciously feel right?

Wisdom of Men

18. 2 Corinthians 2:4-5; 1 Corinthians 1:20,25

Yes – No Can our faith be in our own thinking or in the wisdom of others?

19. 1 Corinthians 4:6; Mathew 15:9

Yes – No Are we to think of the wisdom of men above that which is written?

Yes – No Should this eliminate all man-made creed books that many denominations have?

The Majority

20. 2 Peter 3:20

Yes – No Were there only eight souls saved in the ark?

21. Matthew 7:13-14

Yes – No Will the majority of people be saved?

Yes – No Is the majority a safe guide for our spiritual life?

Parents and traditions

22. Galatians 1:13-16, 21-24

Yes – No Did Paul persecute the church because of his Jewish traditions?

Yes – No When Paul began to preach Jesus, did he give up his traditions that contradicted Jesus' laws?

23. Matthew 10:37

Yes – No If we love our father, mother, or family more than Jesus, are we worthy of Him?

The Law of Moses

24. 1 Kings 8:9; Hebrews 8:7-10

Yes – No Was the covenant that God made with Israel when He led them from Egypt, written on the two tablets of stone (the ten commandments)?

Yes – No Is this the new covenant that God will make with us?

THOUGHT QUESTIONS:

25. Hebrews 8:7- 10,13; Matthew 5:17, 27, 28

Yes – No Are we under a new covenant with God?

What is the difference between the old covenant of Moses and the new covenant of Christ?

26. Ephesians 3:4; 5:17

Yes – No Is it possible for us to read the bible and be able to understand it?

Yes – No Do you think that God would give us a book to read, believe, and obey, and make it too hard to understand?